K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program Information Session

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Information Session Agenda

Agenda

- Team Introductions

- Testing Program Background, Objective, and Scenario

- Executive Summary

- Program Registration and Timeline

- Program Details

- Question and Answer (Enter questions in chat box throughout the presentation)

Testing Program Background

Background

Governor Larry Hogan and State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Salmon **are committed to supporting Maryland schools returning safely to in-person instruction statewide.**

The COVID-19 Testing Task Force, Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) have developed the **K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program to provide free COVID-19 tests for school systems and non-public schools** as an additional resource to support schools that are open, or plan to reopen in March 2021 and remain open for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Testing Program Objectives and Testing Scenario

Program Objective

Provide diagnostic testing supplies, resources, guidance, and support to K-12 public school systems and non-public schools for those conducting in-person instruction in order to help them stay open and protect the safety of students and staff.

Testing Scenario

All symptomatic persons and those who are asymptomatic with a close contact to someone with COVID-19 should receive a point-of-care rapid POC test, and a confirmatory PCR test as appropriate. **This is a diagnostic testing program, <u>not</u> a screening program, and does not include pooled testing.**

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Executive Summary

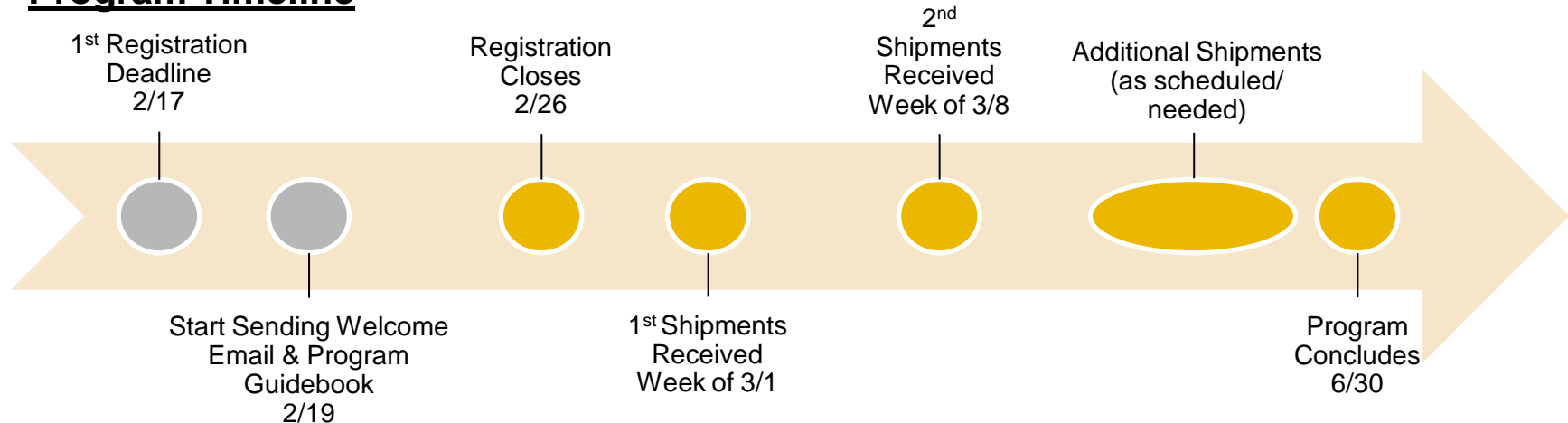## <u>Key Program Elements</u>

- A **VOLUNTARY DIAGNOSTIC PROGRAM**, not intended for screening

- Program can **STAND ALONE** as the school's diagnostic testing regimen, or **ENHANCE** an existing testing regimen the school has already implemented

- Emphasis on local control and responsibility, including coordination, technical assistance and support from MDH, MSDE, Local Health Departments (LHDs), and community providers. (e.g. urgent care or hospital)

- MDH will provide schools with POC tests and PCR testing supplies based on this diagnostic testing scenario

- POC tests by Abbott BinaxNOW will be distributed and PCR tests will be distributed from MAKO Medical

- ***Only K-12 schools and school systems that reopen for in-person instruction are eligible***

Program Registration and Program Timeline

Program Registration

- [Link to registration form](#)

- Registration remains open through February 26 for subsequent shipments

Program Timeline

1st Registration Deadline 2/17

Registration Closes 2/26

2nd Shipments Received Week of 3/8

Additional Shipments (as scheduled/ needed)

Start Sending Welcome Email & Program Guidebook 2/19

1st Shipments Received Week of 3/1

Program Concludes 6/30

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MDH Support to School Systems and Non-Public Schools

- Publish [K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program Guidebook](#) with key program information

- Facilitate allocation of POC tests and PCR specimen collection supplies to schools

- Support and provide technical assistance, and general COVID guidance and integration of testing into the overall school COVID reopening guidance

- Test volumes are proportional to the number of students and staff returning for in-person learning, based on the anticipated number of students and staff that may be symptomatic or a close contact of someone with COVID-19

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CLIA certification and Maryland Laboratory License

- **Hold an active CLIA certification and Maryland Laboratory License** and keep these on file in accordance with state and federal regulations
    - If you **DO** already hold both:
        - Complete a Laboratory Licensing Change Form, and fax to the number listed on the form.
        - Once you fax in the form, as long as your CLIA Certificate is not expired, you can start testing immediately and the state will mail out an amended laboratory license with the relevant test category you have added
            - Questions can be directed to paul.celli@maryland.gov

    - If you **DO NOT** already hold both:
        - Complete a State Compliance Application for a Maryland Laboratory License, as well as a federal CLIA Certification Application ($180 fee every two years).

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Authorized Prescriber

- **It is required to have an authorized prescriber or ordering provider to order the test and authorize testing staff to administer tests.**
    - o For public schools, we recommend that you outreach to your local health department to discuss the possibility of serving this role. You may also establish a new relationship with a community provider (e.g. urgent care or hospital).
    - o For non-public schools, we recommend that you identify a community provider unless you have an authorized prescriber on your staff. You may also establish a new relationship with a community provider (e.g. urgent care or hospital).

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Program Details - Program Requirements (cont.)

Reporting

- **It is required that you have access to Maryland's Health Information Exchange (CRISP) and have the appropriate personnel to report the rapid POC results into CRISP.**
  - See [Information on reporting COVID-19 test results](#) and [Training Video](#).

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Other Program Requirements

- **An individual with qualifications per the [latest executive order](#) on-site to collect COVID-19 specimens for testing**

- Ensure proper **consent** is obtained for students

- Development and implementation of a **Testing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)** is highly encouraged

Program Details - COVID-19 Rapid POC Tests

Abbott BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Rapid Point of Care (POC) Tests

- POC test distribution to school systems and non-public schools

- Online training provided by Abbott
  - Next trainings Fri. Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
  - More dates to be added to calendar

- POC Supply Reordering
  - [Maryland Department of Health - Rapid Point-Of-Care (POC) Testing Supplies Request](#)

- Reporting POC results to MDH through CRISP
  - Two methods
    - Manual entry into CRISP portal
    - Bulk upload
      - Only available for those conducting 20+ tests a day and sufficient infrastructure in place
      - Contact Georgia Valais at Georgia.Valais@crisphealth.org

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Program Details - COVID-19 PCR Test

MAKO Medical Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test

- PCR supply distribution directly from MAKO Medical to school systems and non-public schools

- Information and training provided by MAKO Medical
  - Next trainings
    - Wed., Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.
    - Thurs., Feb. 25 at 12 p.m.
    - Fri., Feb 26 at 11 a.m.
  - More dates to be added to the calendar

- Supply re-ordering through either local school system (LSS) or by individual school
  - Be sure to plan ahead so that you have enough swab kits and shipping supplies on hand

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MAKO Medical PCR Lab Result Notification

- **Positive/Negative Report Email** – Will be released to the designated system or school contacts twice per day and will indicate positive/negative test results as well as the local school the patient was from. This will allow the designated school leader to contact the patient/family in the event of a positive test.

- **Provider Portal** – All results published into the provider portal are searchable and printable. Available to the designated school leader.

- **Email to Parent** – Email used at registration (typically the parent's email) will get a notification when the test is ordered to allow them to create an account in the Patient Portal. They will also get an email notification when the result is published to login to retrieve their result.

In addition, schools may also opt to provide results to parents in the same manner you report other lab results to parents.

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Program Details - Contact Tracing

Contact Tracing Information

- **Schools should communicate to the school community that both the school and the local health department play a role in contact tracing.**
    - Primary point of contact at the local health department

    - The Contact Tracing team will provide LHDs will resources to assist with contact tracing in schools

    - Explore executing a data use agreement with CRISP in order to share student (and potentially staff) rosters

    - Interpretation of rapid POC tests and contact tracing will require coordination with LHD to close case.

Program Details - Additional Resources

See Program Guidebook for these additional resources:

- School Guidance Documents

- Key Contacts

- FAQs

- Glossary of Terms

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Thank you for your time and partnership.

Questions?

Email us with questions:
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